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New Vaccine Released For Infants

Rotavirus vaccine is now available for infants through the Vaccines for Children program offered through the Department of Health.

Rotavirus disease is responsible for 600,000 doctor and/or emergency room visits, more than 55,000 hospitalizations and 20-60 infant deaths in the US each year. This disease causes severe diarrhea in babies and young children, which is often accompanied by vomiting and fever. Most children have had this disease by their fifth birthday.

This new vaccine targets babies from six weeks of age to 32 weeks of age. This vaccine is provided in a series of three doses over four months. The first dose should be received between the sixth and twelfth week of age. This vaccine is an oral vaccine that is simply swallowed by the infant and can be given at the same time as the other immunizations needed.

The Centers for Disease Control recommendation is to offer this vaccine to infants as a routine part of their healthcare. Chelan Douglas Health District and area medical providers have this vaccine in stock now.

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